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# Memorial Day honoring Ludlow's fallen heroes

By Jonah Snowden  
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LUDLOW – Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to physical distancing, the Memorial Day Parade in Ludlow had to be canceled. Regardless, honoring the fallen who sacrificed their lives for the United States of America continued.

On Thursday, May 21, a non-public ceremony was held at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on East Street. This ceremony honored the fallen with the placing of wreaths on the memorial, a rifle salute, and the bugle playing of Taps.

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Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

Wreaths have been placed at the Veterans Memorial on East Street to honor the fallen who gave their lives for the United States of America.



Eric Segundo, Director of Veterans Affairs, along with others, give a salute as Steven Ferrari from Bugles Across America played Taps.



Brian Willette and Keith Buckout served as the firing party for the ceremony.

## Ludlow Town Election set for June 1

By Elise Linscott  
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LUDLOW – Ludlow's Annual Town Election will be held Monday, June 1, with polls open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There are contested races for the Board of Public Works and Recreation Commission.

Absentee ballots cast in connection with the original election date which was postponed in response to COVID-19, whether returned before the original election or otherwise, shall be processed in accordance with applicable law, according to town clerk Kim Batista. All ballots must be returned before the close of polls on

election day. Anyone with questions can contact the town clerk's office at (413) 583-5600 Ext. 1230.

The following is a list of candidates for the 2020 Annual Town Election:

Board of Selectmen (1 opening – 3-year term) – Antonio Goncalves, candidate for re-election.

Town Clerk (1 opening – 3-year term) – Kim M. Batista, candidate for re-election.

Tax Collector (1 opening – 3-year term) – Fred Pereira, candidate for re-election.

Town Moderator (1 opening – 3-year term) – Michael A. Szlosek.

Board of Assessors (1 opening – 3-year term) – Michael

S. O'Rourke, candidate for re-election. Board of Health (1 opening – 3-year term) – Adrienne DeSantis, candidate for re-election. Trustee of Hubbard Memorial Library (1 opening – 3-year term) – Linda J. Collette.

Housing Authority (1 opening – 5-year term) – no candidate.

Board of Public Works (2 openings – 3-year terms) – Thomas Haluch, candidate for re-election; Guilherme F. Rodrigues, candidate for re-election; Stephen E. Santos; and Daniel F. Soares.

Recreation Commission (1 opening – 3-year term) – Jason

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## Ludlow polling information for elections

LUDLOW – Annual Town Election is Monday, June 1, 2020. Polls are open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Face masks are required to enter the building.

Polling locations are as follows:

Precinct 1: Chapin Elementary School, Chapin St.

Precinct 2: Paul R. Baird Middle School, Rooney Rd.

Precinct 3: Ludlow High School, Chapin St.

Precinct 4: East Street School, East St.

Precinct 5: First Church of Ludlow, Center/Church St.

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LUDLOW

Ludlow Reservoir to reopen on May 23

Visitors reminded to follow social distancing guidelines

LUDLOW – The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is announcing plans to reopen Ludlow Reservoir to the public. The reservoir, which has been closed to the public since March 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will reopen on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. Visitors are asked to follow social distancing guidelines and all other rules and regulations as posted.

The spring/summer season schedule for the reservoir is 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Tuesday, and closed Wednesdays for maintenance. In an effort to adhere to protocols for minimizing the health impacts of COVID-19, the fishing pier and public restroom will remain closed until further notice.

The paved recreational trail along the reservoir will be open and accessible for visitors wishing to enjoy passive recreation such as walking or biking, and shoreline fishing is permitted as long as social distancing guidelines are maintained. The parking area on Route 21 will also be open and visitors should park in designated areas only. Visitors are advised that the paved walking trail is closed beyond the 1.75 mile mark due to ongoing forest management activities.

Social Distancing Guidelines

Visitors are reminded that all local and state social distancing guidelines must be followed, including limiting group sizes to no more than 10 and maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from other reservoir visitors. If maintaining a distance of 6 feet is not possible, or when interacting with Commission personnel at the reservoir, face coverings should be worn in accordance Governor Baker’s COVID-19 Order 31. The order states that face coverings should be worn



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by any person over the age of 2 when they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and others, unless they have a medical condition preventing them from doing so.

Ludlow Reservoir Rules and Regulations

Ludlow Reservoir and surrounding forest land is operated and maintained by the Commission as an emergency water supply. The public is asked to follow all rules and regulations, in addition to social distancing guidelines, to maintain public health and safety and protect the drinking water supply. As a general reminder, swimming, boating, and motorized vehicles (except wheelchairs) are strictly prohibited. Dogs, pets or other animals are not allowed. Visitors must park in designated areas only.

Complete rules and regulations, a list of prohibited activities, and detailed hours of operation, is available on the Commission’s website, <http://waterand-sewer.org/education-and-community/recreation/>, and is posted at the entrance to Ludlow Reservoir.

Water, scenic beauty and abundant wildlife resources make Ludlow Reservoir a very special place. It is also a critical component and part of the rich history of our water system. The Commission would like to thank the public for their cooperation and understanding during the closure period and is pleased the public will once again be able take advantage of this natural resource.

Commission employees will continue to monitor the reservoir and perform important maintenance work in the reservoir and watershed area. As new in-

formation and guidelines regarding the re-opening of the state is released by Governor Baker and his administration, the Commission will review guidance and determine if there is a need for any changes or modifications to the current public access policies.

The public can direct any questions to the Commission by calling 413-452-1300 or emailing [info@waterandsewer.org](mailto:info@waterandsewer.org).

About Ludlow Reservoir

The Ludlow Reservoir, located on Route 21 in Ludlow, often referred to as the Springfield Reservoir, was built in the 1870s to supply the City of Springfield and Town of Ludlow with drinking water. The reservoir is maintained as an emergency public drinking water supply and is open for public access and recreation year-round.

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# Town of Ludlow – weekly update

As of May 22, we have approximately 110 positive cases of the COVID-19 virus and sadly, two more COVID-related deaths bringing our total to six. Please continue to keep those infected by this virus in your thoughts and prayers.

Our masks and materials for making masks “drive” continues to grow thanks to generous donations from many of our residents. This week, we’d like to thank Carol Grazebieniowski, Debbie Gates, Maria Grace Gibeau, and Pricilla Lampron. Once we have a large enough number of masks, we will announce a date for a drive-through “free mask” event. For those wanting to donate please call Cheryl at our Board of Health at 583-5600 ext. 1272. Thanks very much.

From the Governor’s Office: In antic-

ipation of Monday, May 25th and without any set back announcements, we look forward to openings of some limited personal services, some outdoor activity areas, and more. There are specific guidelines to these openings so I would urge everyone to visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) for details.

A message to those who feel they need to take their frustrations out on our grocery store, convenience store, restaurant, banking, and all other service-oriented employees. They are not working or risking their health to hear you yell at them about asking you to wear a mask. Businesses are obliged to enforce the Governor’s policies or can enhance them. It’s the Governor’s policy to wear face coverings unless you have a medical condition. These employees do not deserve

to be berated by patrons for following store policy or for any reason. Their jobs are stressful enough during this time. Let’s be kind to each other and remember that we are all going through this.

The Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremonies were recorded and are available online and will air on our local channel.

Finally, a Memorial Day message: Let us remember and honor our fallen heroes and their families. For those who gave their lives for our freedoms and way of life, we can never forget. May God bless all our Servicemembers and God bless America.

Be Safe and Take Care of Each Other,  
**Derek G. DeBarge**  
*Chairman, Board of Selectmen*

## Festa 2020 canceled

LUDLOW – Our Lady of Fatima Parish on May 25th announced that Festa 2020, originally scheduled for Sept. 4 – 7, has been canceled.

“It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we must announce that Festa 2020 has been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,” the parish wrote on its Facebook page. “This was by no means an easy decision. We waited as long as possible to make this decision and our window of opportunity has closed.

“Unfortunately, neither the state government, local government and, of course, the virus itself, offer any guarantee that we would be able to host this large event. Your safety is the utmost priority. We ask for your understanding and prayers that we can return in full for Festa 2021. God bless and be safe.”


## Changes to Purple Bag program trashed

LUDLOW – The Board of Public Works has trashed proposed changes to the Town’s purple bag program. The Board voted in early February “for rubbish collection to go to completely pay as you throw ... and go back to dual stream recycling.”

Public Works Board Chair Thomas Haluch explained that “the Board listened to Town Residents concerns about the cost and inconvenience of using purple bags. The cost of trash and recycling has exploded because the Chinese government shut off accepting recycled material from the US and other countries without notice.”

The Town will save \$95,000 this year by returning to dual stream recycling. Board member Bill Rodrigues noted “that means you have to separate your bottles and cans from your paper and cardboard. The DPW will be sending residents the details and the new schedule around June 1st. Dual stream recycling will begin on July 1st.”

Even with the savings by going to dual stream, the total cost of trash and recycling will increase by over \$225,000 this year. Haluch said that “the Board is looking at going to an automated collection system. The conversion to a fully automated system could result in an additional reduction in cost, but will take over two years to implement.”



### LUDLOW Senior CENTER

As we head into week 11 of our shut down, just a reminder WE ARE STILL HERE! Many have asked me over the last week when I think we will reopen. I cannot answer that for you. What I can tell you is that we are working on a plan. The Town, our State organization and the State of MA are working extremely hard to get a plan together so that Senior Centers can eventually reopen. It will be slow and with many precautions but it is to keep everyone safe. We are just as anxious as you all to reopen. We will get there! Meanwhile, the staff has returned on a rotating basis and therefore we are here for any of your needs, concerns or questions. Please just call us at 413-583-3564 or e-mail at [coa@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:coa@ludlow.ma.us). Please like ‘Ludlow Senior Center’ on Facebook for many programs and a lot of information. We are working with cable access to bring programming to channel 191 as well. Every day we are coming up with new ways to connect with our older residents.

Grab and Go continues to grow!

We love seeing your faces! Just remember to make your reservation 24 hours in advance. You have to be over 60 and drive. Pick up is Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-11:45am. The menu is below.

Isolation and loneliness feels like it is common these days. It does not need to be. We are in the office daily. Please call us even if it is just to chat. Trust me, we miss you just as much (if not more) than you miss us! Hang in there! We are SeniorStrong and stronger than ever!

#### Grab and Go menu

**May 28:** Chef Salad  
**June 2:** Salisbury Steak  
**June 4:** Chicken Patty Sandwich  
**June 9:** Stuffed Shells

We have some fun and themed lunches coming soon!

-Jodi Zepke

## Hubbard Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting Thursday via Zoom

LUDLOW - The Hubbard Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting will take place via Zoom Meeting at the library on May 28th at 4 p.m.

The Zoom Meeting information is as follows:

Meeting available to the public via Zoom Meeting:  
Topic: Library Board of Trustees Meeting - Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow MA  
Time: May 28, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
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# Urgent Care of Wilbraham offers telemedicine e-visits and antibody testing

*Facility puts measures in place to assure safe patient visits*

Urgent Care of Wilbraham has announced the immediate availability of both telemedicine eVisits and Covid-19 antibody testing at its Wilbraham facility. The facility has also instituted additional “safe visit” measures to include symp-

tom pre-screening, online registration, restricted facility access and ongoing strict disinfection protocols. “In these uncertain times, patients are looking for safe options to obtain medical care and to learn whether they have had exposure to the Novel Coronavirus. Telemedicine eVisits gives patients the option to access expert medical care from home. Our Covid-19 Antibody Test will allow patients to know if they have developed antibodies and an immune re-

sponse” said Dr. Rock-Jean Guillaume, Medical Director and owner. Pre-registration is required for telemedicine eVisits and Covid-19 antibody testing appointments. Both can be scheduled directly on the website, www.urgentcareofwilbraham.com. Additional information about these and other available care services can be found on the website or by calling the facility directly at (413) 599-3800. Urgent Care of Wilbraham is

equipped to handle a wide range of health-related issues, including aches and pains, allergies, bites and burns, bone injuries and fractures, cuts and laceration repairs, earaches, pediatric illness, sprains and strains, and other illnesses or injuries. The facility is owned by Dr. Rock-Jean Guillaume, DO, FACEP and Dr. Richard J. Freniere, DO, FACEP, both board-certified emergency medicine physicians.

## Old Sturbridge Village’s Field of Flags campaign honors U.S. Military, veterans, and essential COVID-19 workers

STURBRIDGE - Old Sturbridge Village’s annual Field of Flags Campaign, which honors military service members through the planting of American flags, is expanded this year to recognize and support the essential workers whom our country has relied on throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The beloved tradition will be on display at two locations - the first along Route 20 across from the Village’s entrance starting on Memorial Day, and, for the first time, at OSV’s partner organization, Coggeshall Farm Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island as soon as the farm reopens. Friends and family can commemorate a loved one, or even a stranger, who is currently serving or has served in the U.S. military, or who is caring for our nation as an essential worker, with just a \$25 donation. Every gift of \$25 will add a flag to one of the two Field of Flags locations of the donor’s choice, which will serve as a tangible reminder of the service and sacrifice of these American heroes, and a physical expression of gratitude. A flag can also be sponsored in memory of a loved one or a military veteran. Each flag donation provides year-round complimentary admission to OSV and Coggeshall Farm for military families, and this year only, for essential workers from the time the museums reopen through Thanksgiving. “Our Field of Flags display has always been a favorite of our visitors and local community, a moving and beautiful showcase of pride and an acknowledgment of the sacrifice of our fellow citizens,” said OSV President Jim Do-



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This year, in addition to active-duty military personnel and all veterans, the annual tradition will expand to include essential workers at the frontline of the COVID-19 crisis. nahue. “We’re delighted to expand this year’s program to include the heroes on the frontline of the COVID-19 fight, while also physically expanding the display to Coggeshall Farm through our new partnership with the museum.” This year, all gifts made to Field of Flags in May and June will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000 by an anonymous donor. The list of honorees will be posted on the Village’s website beginning Memorial Day and will be updated regularly. To make a gift today in honor of an American hero, visit www.osv.org/field-of-flags/.

**ELECTION** from Page 1
 C. Martins, candidate for re-election; and Harry V. Mills.
 School Committee (2 openings – 3-year terms) – James Chip Harrington; Jeffrey A. Laing. Planning Board (1 opening – 5-year term) – Rafael L. Quiterio.
 Representative Town Meeting Member openings:
 Precinct 1 (5 openings - 3-year terms)
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 Precinct 2 (2 openings – 2 year unexpired terms) Precinct 2 (3 openings – 1 year unexpired terms) Precinct 3 (5 openings – 3 year terms)
 Precinct 3 (1 opening – 1 year unexpired term) Precinct 4 (5 openings – 3 year terms)
 Precinct 4 (1 opening – 2 year unexpired term) Precinct 4 (1 opening – 1 year unexpired term) Precinct 5 (5 openings – 3 year terms)
 Precinct 5 (1 opening – 2 year unexpired term) Precinct 5 (1 opening – 1 year unexpired term) Precinct 6 (5 openings – year terms)
 Precinct 6 (1 opening – 2 year unexpired term)
 Sample ballots can be found on the Town of Ludlow website under Town Clerk/Election Information.

**POLLS** from Page 1
 Precinct 6: Veteran’s Park Elementary School, Chapin St.
 Applications for an early or absentee ballot are located on the Town of Ludlow website. The deadline to apply for an early or absentee ballot is 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2020. Download the application or written request and scan to clerk@ludlow.ma.us or mail to 488 Chapin St., Ludlow, or drop off at the Town Hall Collectors mailbox located in the back of the Town Hall.
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# Blood donors needed to keep supply strong

REGION – In times of need, people come together to support one another. The American Red Cross is asking for healthy individuals to step up to help patients experiencing health crises by donating blood or platelets.

As COVID-19 continues to affect everyday life, people may not be thinking about blood donation. But blood and platelets are needed daily to help patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. Donating blood is an easy way to care for each other and ensure hospitals have the blood products patients rely on.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, all who come to give blood or platelets May 15-31 will receive a special Red Cross “We’re all in this together” T-shirt, by mail, while supplies last. Donors must have a valid email address on file to claim their T-shirt.

### How to help

Healthy individuals who are feeling

well are asked to make an appointment to donate this May by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to safeguard donors, volunteers and employees.

The Red Cross is also looking for blood drive hosts to help ensure a stable blood supply. Learn more and sign up to sponsor a drive by visiting RedCross-

Blood.org/HostADrive.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities May 15-31:

**Springfield**  
5/27/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 7 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive  
5/28/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 7:15 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive  
5/29/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive  
5/30/2020: 8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive  
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### How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood

Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

## MEMORIAL DAY

from Page 1

“We honor our fallen all year long, especially during this holiday, and nothing will stop us from honoring them,” said Eric Segundo, director of Veterans Affairs in Ludlow at the ceremony. “Memorial Day specifically is for those who have died in combat, and we want to always take the opportunity to never forget their sacrifices that they made for our freedoms every day,” Segundo said in a later interview with the Register. “Not just on Memorial Day, but all year long, and to their families who remain behind.”

The other locations of the wreath-laying ceremony took place at Portuguese Memorial, Island Pond Cemetery, Joshua Desforges Memorial, Vets Park School Memorial, First Church Memorial, Center Street Cemetery and Westover Gold Vets Memorial.



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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Parades,  
participants  
and spectators



By Joan E. B. Coombs

Parades arrive in all shapes and sizes as each procession publically celebrate a holiday, a significant day, or an event. The fanfare shows appreciation whether it's performed miles high in the sky with an aircraft flyover, or winding through hometown's streets, or performed by imaginative children playing parade in backyards.

Every parade has participants who are members and contributors. They march in bands, groups, carry banners, ride on floats, and drive vehicles! Many hours of sacrificial work is given behind the scenes making sure that the upfront participants and their displays are successful.

Parades happen so that spectators can enjoy seeing and hearing the day's celebration. Each onlooker learns about the involvement and team spirit that an organization or a community extends to put on the event.

Due to the global pandemic of the COVID-19 virus, and its unique contagion-spread concerns, most or all holiday parades had to be cancelled worldwide. Although this is extremely disappointing to all who watch and appreciate parades with bands and banners, twirlers and dancers, floats and boats, community emergency response vehicles, national and local clubs, religious groups and civic associations.

Especially over holiday weekends, many families living in small towns travel to cities, to visit family. For decades a young family drove hundreds of miles for memory-making times with grandparents and great grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who lived in Pittsburgh, PA. Back-yard cookouts. Games. Giggles. Yesteryear stories, and always reminiscing about when the adults were young and how they marched and played instruments in Pittsburgh's huge city-street parades.

That was then. This is now a new normal.

Parades--although on a much smaller scale-- are thankfully happening today.

Consider the applause, cheering and hope-filled music playing nationwide in hospital corridors as recovered COVID-19 patients parade toward exit doors to re-enter the outside world and re-join their awaiting motorcade of family and friends!

Reflect about the recent aircraft flyovers honoring medical front-line workers and all hospital crews by flying over municipal hospital sites! Think about the recent Memorial Day flyover and the high-sky parade honoring and recognizing our greater Pioneer Valley military veterans who fought during wars and paying the highest price for our freedoms!

Parades are heartwarming. They bring overflowing gratitude trickling down our cheeks.

During past spring months, motorcade parades with balloons, banners, streamers and well-wishers have been celebrating life events. Caravanning cars honked their horns over highways, through streets, and around neighborhoods for anniversaries, birthdays, Mother's Day, and for 2020's school and college graduations!

Recently a family sat social-distanced, in the open-air of a grandparent's backyard. Suddenly, about a neighborhood away, a horn-honking motorcade began honoring a resident--an apparently retired civil servant. Enthusiastic observers rose from their



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Another favorite fragrant flower

It's safe to say that peonies played a pretty important role in my childhood and what would turn out to be a blossoming love of horticulture. Because my birthday is in early June, we have numerous snapshots of yours truly blowing out the candles with a bouquet of frilly pink flowers in the background. My mom still has the two original plants growing near her porch, and they date back to her grandmother who grew them in the 1930s. Although the flowers fall into the old-fashioned category, they continue to be popular in modern gardens because of their fragrance and form, not to mention their longevity. Here are some tips to keep your peonies thriving for years to come.



Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. For that reason choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients. After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

Staking

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types, will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished. Middle-weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

Diseases

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis. Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don't compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

My mom is anxious to share her grandmother's plants. No doubt I will be doing some dividing come September. I look forward to having a few of these family heirlooms in my garden for my girls to cherish as I did.

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Planting

Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area. This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes. Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day. Don't skimp on the size of the planting hole; one that measures a foot and a half deep by two and a half feet wide will sustain the plant for many years. If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure. Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

Mail order plants usually arrive bare root. These can be soaked in a bucket of water overnight to rehydrate prior to planting. When it comes time to plant, remember this: eyes point up, roots point down! Eyes should end up no more than two inches below the soil surface; any deeper than that and flowers may be sacrificed. Get your plants off to a good start by watering occasionally until the ground freezes. Once it does, a light mulch can be applied over the peonies to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during periods of freeze and thaw.

Fertilizing and watering

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen

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# IN THE CLASSROOM

## Stacey Monette selected as Middle School Principal of the Year

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LUDLOW – Stacy Monette, Paul R. Baird Middle School Principal, has been selected as the Massachusetts Administrators Association (MSAA) Middle School Principal of the Year.

While she’s spent many years working in education, Monette said that before working in education, she worked as a physical therapist assistant for five years. After realizing that this career was not for her, she went back to school, and began pursuing a career in special education.

Now, Monette holds a bachelor’s degree in special education from Arizona State University, a master’s degree in educational administration from Westfield State University, and is currently a doctoral student at Endicott College, enrolled in the Educational Leadership in Pre K-12 Program (Ed.D.).

Monette’s work experience in education includes serving as the Assistant Principal at Jabish Brook Middle School in Belchertown for nine years, teaching special education in middle schools in New Jersey and Belchertown. Also, she has currently served as the principal for Paul R. Baird Middle School since 2016.

“I think the biggest part in any of these leadership positions, is that you just have to sit back and take notes,” said Monette. “It’s a lot of just listening to people and making sure that your decisions are always fair. I think that’s my number one thing that I really like to pride myself on is I think in the end, my decisions are always fair.” She also cred-



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Paul R. Baird Middle School Principal Stacy Monette has been selected as the Massachusetts Administrators Association (MSAA) Middle School Principal of the Year.

its Donna Hogan, a former principal of Paul R. Baird Middle School, who was her mentor in graduate school and served as a credible and inspirational person.

When she received this recognition, Monette said it was the same feeling she received when she was hired at Paul R. Baird Middle School, which is: “amazing.”

“I don’t know if it’s every principal’s dream, but it’s certainly nice to be recognized, for I feel the work that the staff has done these last four years – and honestly, the work I’ve done the last four years – showcases Baird, what we’ve done, and how far we’ve come,” said

Monette. She also said that this award has really made her reflect on her own

leadership style, regarding working with different people and making sure her decisions are always fair.

She has heard from former students, as well as former teachers, who have sent her words of positivity.

“That’s the part that I didn’t honestly see coming,” said Monette.

She also said that one of her former students shared with her that she is now a special ed. teacher, and that Monette encouraged her to do it.

“That’s what’s been the nice part of this is just realizing now that I’m actually making a difference in some people’s worlds, which is nice,” said Monette. “It’s a nice validation.”

Later this Summer, Monette will officially receive the 42nd Edmund K. Fanning Award at the Annual MSAA Leadership Institute. Also, she will be representing Massachusetts at the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. in early October.

## Matthew Jordan inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

LUDLOW – Matthew Jordan of Ludlow was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Jordan was initiated at United States Military Academy.

Jordan is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897

under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

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lawn chairs! They saw cars, motorcycles, a K-9 police car, and a fire engine drive by! Then as a finale, a police car’s loud speaker boomed “Happy Birthday!” As it passed- a single, lone person could be seen--waving from a wheelchair, in that area’s empty parking lot. Although momentary, for spectators that precious memory will last a lifetime.

Yes: wellsprings of overflowing gratitude seep when well-wishers parade love.

Parades are fun to participate in. It’s a privilege to contribute to and to observe the actions of love, honor and celebration. It’s especially meaningful when others enthusiastically join in from their vehicles, and outside porches. And, yes- even jump up from lawn chairs as parade participants and spectators.

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# 'I am now from hope'

*HCC student selected as national Dream Scholar*

HOLYOKE - By her own account, Holyoke Community College student Mayerlies Diaz was once the kind of hopeless teen who struggled in school and hated being there.

"I have been angry as long as I can remember... behind from Day One, kept inside during recess to learn English, never being in school long enough to learn math... no one wanting to help, putting in no effort. I was the bum buried in the hoodie, smoking a lot of weed, trying to disappear."

She grew up poor, the daughter of a Spanish-speaking, single mother who was often sick and in and out of hospitals while raising two children. Her family moved a lot, sometimes living in shelters, and there were trips to court in pursuit of protection orders against a family member.

"I am from the sorrow and confusion that comes from that kind of hurt. That's how I felt for a long time. I assumed I would live in rage and depression and be behind, forever."

"But somehow, miraculously, I am now from hope. I'm from the miracle that happens when just a few key people actually see you, believe in you, push you and love you."

Diaz offered the comments above in a spoken word poem called "I Am From" that she delivered in February in Maryland at the annual conference of

Achieving the Dream, an organization that supports student success initiatives at community colleges across the U.S.

The 17-year-old Westfield resident was one of only eight students in the country selected to participate in the conference as 2020 Dream Scholars. In addition to that, she is poised to graduate next month from Westfield High School.

The key to her success, she says, was HCC's Gateway to College program, which she completed in January 2020 with a GPA of 4.0. Gateway is an alternative high school program in which students take college classes and earn credits toward both their high school diplomas and a college degree. Since 2019, HCC's Gateway to College program has been part of the Achieving the Dream network.

"Nothing about my life led me toward college - yet I have been successful there," Diaz wrote in another speech she prepared for the conference about her experiences so far at HCC. "Gateway to College transformed how I think about school and my future."

Diaz was the first-ever Dream Scholar from one of Achieving the Dream's Gateway to College programs. The Dream Scholars initiative is designed to help community college students develop their leadership, critical thinking and networking skills. They share their personal stories during plenary sessions at the conference, participate in panel discussions, and receive coaching before, during and after the conference, which was attended by about 2,500 people.

"I am so proud of Maverlies," said



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HCC Gateway to College coordinator Vivian Ostrowski, who accompanied Diaz to the conference along with Diaz's mother, Maribel Perez, and aunt, Raquel Avila. "From the moment we spoke about the application process and the experience, she rose to the occasion with courage, creativity, seriousness, humor, and an incredible openness to the kind of transformative learning that comes from a huge opportunity like this. She was the youngest person at the entire conference, and one of just a handful of Dream scholars who were always in the spotlight."

For Ostrowski, the highlight of the conference was the session where Diaz

read her “I Am From” poem.

"It was incredibly powerful," she said. "The room leaned in for every word, then just wept when Mayerlies and her mom embraced at the end."

Diaz plans to continue her college journey at HCC in September 2020 to major either in human services or criminal justice.

"High school wasn't for me, but college is for me," Diaz said. "I want a degree so I can get the kind of job where I can help other people see their lives differently, to find their own confidence and power... I want to be that person for the next kid in a hoodie trying to disappear."

# HCC Class of 2020 virtual celebration

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College will recognize the Class of 2020 with a virtual celebration that will be available for streaming beginning at noon on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

“We’ll have special guests, a few surprises and a great time celebrating you,” President Christina Royal said in a May 8 email to students.

The video celebration, which is not a virtual commencement, will include congratulatory remarks, student speeches, recognitions, music, and submissions from graduates. Prior to Aug. 20, each member of the Class of 2020 will receive a special surprise package in the mail and be invited to host their own watch parties on Aug. 20 or anytime after to share on social media using the hashtag #HolyokeCC20.

More details will be released on the HCC website as they become available: [hcc.edu](http://hcc.edu)

HCC had previously announced the cancellation of its traditional Commencement on May 30 at the MassMutual Center because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead, HCC will hold a traditional, in-person Commencement honoring both the Class of 2020 and 2021 on June 5, 2021.

“HCC will also mark its 75th anniversary in 2021, so you can look forward to being part of what will be an extra-special ceremony for this historic milestone,” Royal said.

"I know this is not how you envisioned the conclusion of your academic journey with HCC," Royal said. "However, despite the detours this global pandemic has presented the class of 2020, I believe you possess the strength and resilience to shine, and I promise you will be celebrated like no other graduating class in HCC history. Although your time as an HCC student is coming to an end, remember that there is no end to your relationship with Holyoke Community College. You are now part of a community of 40,000 HCC alumni worldwide, and in your own backyard. They will be your colleagues, future classmates, business partners, and lifelong friends. HCC remains a part of you always."

"I am so impressed with each of you and the resilience you have demonstrated in completing your studies. I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity to celebrate - creatively, virtually, and eventually, in person - because you truly deserve it. I wish you the very best in these final days of the semester."

# STCC announces celebration of the Class of 2020

SPRINGFIELD - Springfield Technical Community College will hold a "Celebration of the Class of 2020," a virtual event that will be streamed online Aug. 29 at 6 p.m.

The college encourages family and friends of graduates to watch the event on STCC's website, [stcc.edu](http://stcc.edu). In addition to the online celebration, STCC has invited every Class of 2020 graduate to participate in the college's June 3, 2021, commencement ceremony.

STCC canceled the traditional 2020 Commencement due to the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. President John B. Cook said a planning team is continuing to work on details of the virtual event.

"We realize this has been a difficult time for our students, particularly those who are graduating and were looking forward to celebrating their academic success with families and friends," Cook said. "I'm proud of each and every one of them. They deserve to be celebrated - and they will be. I look forward to congratulating our graduates and honoring them at the virtual celebration."

In addition to holding the virtual celebration in August, STCC announced other plans for the graduating class:

ing of each graduate's diploma or certificate

- A mailing of a cap and tassel, and diploma cover, to each graduate

- A mailing of a commencement program to each graduate (to include a listing of all 2020 Honors Award recipients who would have normally been recognized at convocation)

An invitation for every Class of 2020 graduate to participate in the college's June 3, 2021, commencement ceremony

Matt Gravel, dean of Academic Initiatives who leads commencement planning, said STCC chose a late August date for the virtual celebration because some of the prospective May graduates will need time during the summer to complete their requirements. The COVID-19 crisis has caused delays for some students.

"We are putting together ideas for the August celebration to make this a special day," Gravel said. "In our work, there is arguably nothing more satisfying than the commencement ceremony as we applaud and recognize the accomplishments of students alongside their families and friends."

Gravel is asking for the campus community to submit photos of encouragement.

“Our graduates will not be able to walk through a congratulatory line of faculty and staff this year, but nevertheless we want them to see your proud faces and words of encouragement and support,” he said in a message to faculty and staff. STCC will post updates about Commencement 2020 plans at [stcc.edu/commencement](http://stcc.edu/commencement).

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## State cancels American Legion baseball for 2020

REGION – American Legion state department chairman Richard Paster issued a statement about the cancellation of the 2020 season:

It is with deep regret that I inform you that the National Organization has decided to cancel the 2020 Season effective immediately due to the continuing events resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Legion National Organization is implementing the following directives relating to The American Legion National Organization national baseball program for the 2020 season which the Department of Massachusetts hereby incorporates in its instructions for all Post and Outside Sponsored teams in Massachusetts:

1. Any and all previous 2020 American Legion National Organization memos regarding the national baseball program for the 2020 season are retracted and replaced by the following.
2. The American Legion National Organization has canceled all 2020 season's Regional Tournaments and The American Legion World Series and the Department of Massachusetts hereby cancels all Department Tournaments.
3. Concurrently, The American Legion National Organization has shut down all sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season and The Department of Massachusetts hereby shuts down its sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season.
4. This shutdown of all sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season means that those baseball teams that wish to continue playing 2020 season baseball shall be participating in a sporting event not sponsored, nor endorsed in any manner by The American Legion National Organization and/or The Department of Massachusetts, but sponsored and endorsed solely by the group the team is named.
5. Any baseball team that continues play in the 2020 season sponsored by the group the team is named must understand that its team is not playing as an American Legion National Organization nor Department of Massachusetts "registered" baseball team nor is it playing in an American Legion National or Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball program.
6. The complete cancellation of the 2020 American Legion National and Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball season means there is no American Legion National or Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball program "national or department rules," nor are there "national or department guidelines," as there is no 2020 American Legion national or Department of Massachusetts involvement.
7. In other words, if an American Legion Post or other type of sponsored team has

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## Tri-County League cancels 2020 season

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HOLYOKE – The executive board for the Tri-County Baseball League has made the decision to cancel the 2020 season despite considering playing a bit later schedule in the summer.

Last Wednesday, the board announced their decision following a meeting of the league.

Karl Oliveira, who runs the St. Joseph's team in the league as well as serves as the league's secretary and treasurer, made the announcement in the form of an email to the league's returning players and coaches.

"The Executive Board of the TCL voted 4-0 not to move forward to play baseball for this year's season," said Oliveira. "The 2020 season for the TCL has been officially canceled."

Due to the concerns set forth by the COVID-19 pandemic and the way the league is situated, the league cited a vast number of factors in making the decision to cancel the season.

The league cited player, coach, umpire, and fan safety as the top priorities. Further, the league stated the safety of extended families in making the decision.

Expanding, Oliveira cited certain fields would not have concessions stands or restrooms open to the public, including sani-cans.

He said the rules from town-to-town would also weigh heavily in the teams' ability to get home fields for play.

"Some fields may allow you to play on them some fields may not allow you to play on them," said Oliveira.

One of the biggest factors in even coming up with a modified schedule is the fluidity of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' phased approach to re-opening the state. He said games would not be able to be played until July at the earliest. He said with that timeline, any setback would have been very restrictive to the schedule and could have cost the league and its players a lot of money.

The Tri-County League has



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been typically a weekday league with just a few weekend games. The National Division, which was brought in using the defunct Full Count League did have some weekend games, but also played many games during the week.

Oliveira also said simple social distancing and the cleaning of equipment, as well as sanitizing surfaces like benches and other dugout areas were also factors considered in the cancellation decision.

He also cited sponsors. The league questioned whether sponsors, especially those with limited

or no business since the outbreak would be able to contribute funding to the league.

Among the costs, more than \$5,500 for insurance, and there was no guarantee if the league itself or somewhere else experienced an outbreak, would the league have to shut back down and be out all of the money for the revised schedule.

"To say we are disappointed, is an understatement," said Oliveira. "This board knows how all of us feel about playing baseball, especially in a league that has been



**St. Joseph's has always been a top rival for PeoplesBank and a mainstay in the league based out of Palmer.**

going since 1949."

Tri-County still plans to hold its annual golf tournament. The TCL Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 3, at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown, is still on for this year. There will be more details on this event to follow in the coming weeks.

## London showcase postponed by Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD – The Na-smith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the inaugural Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase originally scheduled for December 6, 2020 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was expected to feature Marist College vs. University of Maryland, Baltimore and University of Kentucky vs. University of Michigan.

"As we navigate these unprecedented times, the Basketball Hall of Fame has remained vigilant in placing health and safety above all else," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "Unfortunately, the unknown combination of health, safety, international travel regulations and the economic viability for all parties involved has required us to postpone this highly anticipated event at The O2. We look forward to hosting a fantastic event in 2022."

The Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase will now take place Sunday, December 4, 2022 at The O2 arena and will be televised domestically by ESPN / ABC. The event will remain a part of the Kentucky and Michigan three-year series, now facing-off in Ann Arbor in 2021, London in 2022 and Lexington in 2023.

The Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase is one event in the Hall of Fame's series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. At this point in time, the Basketball Hall of Fame has not cancelled or postponed any domes-

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## Submit senior athletes info

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
*gscibelli@turley.com*

The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches

and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring's season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com). In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

## Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch.

The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed

back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to [www.valleywheelbaseball.com](http://www.valleywheelbaseball.com). The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site.

For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at [wheel12@comcast.net](mailto:wheel12@comcast.net) or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.

## Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

**REGION** – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. The league is hopefully

to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass.

For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

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a 2020 season baseball program, then that Post or other team is having a team which is not authorized, nor endorsed by The American Legion National nor Department of Massachusetts Organization.”

8. Those teams that conduct this 2020 baseball season program will need to determine their rules, guidelines, schedules, insurance coverage, etc., for their own teams as neither The American Legion National nor Department of Massachusetts Organizations will provide this assistance.

9. The American Legion National Organization has already stopped collecting, and subsequently returned to all teams any and all national baseball team fees to the respective teams and the Department of Massachusetts will similarly return all Department registration fees as soon as practicable.

10. With the shutdown of the online National American Legion Baseball registration portal, The American Legion National Organization has stopped referring baseball teams to the K&K Insurance portal for the 2020 baseball season.

11. The Posts and/or other teams that decide to have their own programs will need to determine what insurance their teams need in order to play baseball in 2020; neither The American Legion National Organization nor the

Department of Massachusetts will provide this assistance.

12. All baseball teams that paid to The American Legion National Organization administrative fees shall have these fees reimbursed to the teams directly by the National Organization, the Department of Massachusetts will have no involvement in such reimbursement.

13. All other situation(s) that may arise during the 2020 baseball season in which a Post or other type of sponsored team that elects to have a 2020 baseball season is a situation for that particular team as that particular team is solely responsible for its decision as to any situation(s) as neither The American Legion National Organization nor the Department of Massachusetts, its Athletic Committee, their staffs and/or volunteers are not authorized to address or help with any such teams situation(s).

14. K&K Insurance will be advised that the Department of Massachusetts has elected to cancel the 2020 season, that no teams have formed and that all premiums that have been collected thus far are to be forthwith refunded. The Department of Massachusetts will have no involvement in any such refunds.

This is a sad day indeed for American Legion Baseball in Massachusetts and marks only the second time since 1926 that there will be no Program, let's hope life returns to normal in time for the 2021 season.

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tic collegiate events scheduled for the fall and winter of 2020.

All fans who have purchased a ticket to the 2020 Hall of Fame London Showcase will receive a full refund automatically to the method used for purchase within 14

business days. During these unprecedented times it may take longer for funds to credit your account.

Tickets for the 2022 Hall of Fame London Showcase will go back on-sale for December 4, 2022 in January or February of 2022.

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Common request
- Department in France
- Fungi cells
- Famed inventor
- Hillsides
- Cold wind
- La \_\_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Resembling a doddering old woman
- Geological periods
- Assists
- Comedienne Gastereyer
- Jewish spiritual leader
- English soccer club
- Body art
- No (Scottish)
- Clumsy person
- Swiss river
- Belittled
- Luxury car
- Single sheet of glass in a window
- Monetary units
- Supervises flying

**CLUES DOWN**

- Swedish rock group
- Indian term of respect
- Breezed through
- The bill in a restaurant
- Flower cluster
- Moved quickly
- Shooters need to do it
- High schoolers' test
- Split pulses
- Salts
- Breaking Bad actor \_\_\_ Paul
- Set ablaze
- Semitic Sun god
- Nervous system cells
- Tourist destination Buenos \_\_\_
- A way to bind
- Behave uncontrollably
- Feels concern
- Sportscaster Andrews
- Subway dwellers
- Astrological aspect
- You may take one
- Serbian
- Away from wind
- Actor Oliver
- Helps little firms
- Intricately decorative
- American state
- Type of tumor
- Midway between east and southeast
- On a line at right angles to a ship's length
- Fruit of the service tree
- Grouch
- Romanian city
- Units of loudness
- British Air Aces
- Small amount
- Hem's partner
- Turkic people
- Member of the banana family
- Liam Neeson franchise
- Expressed pleasure
- Inward-directed part of psyche
- Insurgent
- Unhappy
- Gateway (Arabic)
- Fundraising political group (abbr.)
- Well-known
- Satisfies
- '\_\_\_ death do us part
- Jailhouse informant
- French river
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Drenches
- Clouds
- Companies need to make them
- Created from seaweed
- One's school: \_\_\_ mater
- A type of act
- Member of Russian people
- Neutralizes alkalis
- Monetary unit
- Play a role
- Midway between south and southeast

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# OBITUARIES

## DEATH NOTICES

**Duval, Deacon Robert L., Sr**  
Died May 19, 2020  
Liturgy of Christian Burial May 29, 2020  
St. Anne Church

**Evaristo, Frances (Gomes)**  
Died May 18, 2020  
All services are private  
Kapinos Mazur Funeral Home

**Stewart, Charles C.**  
Died May 15, 2020  
Memorial Service at a later date  
Ludlow Funeral Home

## The Ludlow Register OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$120, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

**Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

## Deacon Robert L. Duval, Sr., 91



LUDLOW - Deacon Robert L. Duval, Sr., affectionately known as Bob, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2020, at the age of 91. Born in Phoenix, AZ, Bob was a United States Army Veteran proudly serving his country during the Korean War and received his Bachelor's degree from AIC. Bob was a longtime Ludlow resident and worked for several years at Flexon in Spencer, MA from where he retired. He was a devoted member of the former St. Mary of the Assumption Parish where he served as deacon from his ordination in 1984 until its closing in January of 2010, and upon its closing, he became a member of St. Elizabeth Parish. He took pride in his work within the community while doing ministry work at the Ludlow Correctional Facility as well as with the sick and elderly. Bob's life journey in Christ had taken him from combat in Korea, to holding the hand of those forgotten as they entered their final journey. He saw himself as just an instrument of Christ's love. Once, when asked what he found most meaning in, he responded, "just helping the other guy". Bob was the beloved husband of Gloria M. (Coulture) Duval, who predeceased him in 2012. He leaves his loving children Robert Duval Jr. and wife Brenda Darling, Barbara Gilley and husband David, and Michelle Dennis and husband James; cherished grandchildren Derrick Duval

and partner Crystal Netherton and David Duval and partner Sandra Dudek, Zacharie Gilley and wife Taylor, Alysha Gilley and fiance John, and Nicole Dennis and partner Danny Martins, Nathan Dennis and Rebecca Dennis ad partner Joe LaRose; great-grandchildren Lily and Naomi Duval, and Beau Chappell, a brother Donald Duval, as well as many loving extended family members and dear friends including his close friends Don Plante and Ed Jerz. Sadly, Bob was predeceased by his daughter-in-law Catherine Duval and brother Richard Duval. Bob's family wishes to extend a special Thank You to the Holyoke Soldiers Home and Holyoke Medical Center for their exceptional care and support during this difficult time. A public walk through visitation will be held on Thursday, May 28th from 5:00-7:00pm in Ludlow Funeral Home adhering to State and Local guidelines in regards to no contact, social distancing, and PPE. Family and Friends may gather on Friday, May 29th for a Liturgy of Christian Burial directly in St. Anne Church 30 College St. Chicopee 01020 concluding with Military Honors. Burial in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's memory to Jericho 537 Northampton St. Holyoke, Ma. 01040

## Frances "Chica" (Gomes) Evaristo, 95



LUDLOW - Frances "Chica" (Gomes) Evaristo, 95, of Ludlow, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Daughter of the late Antonio and Gloria (Teresa) Gomes, she was born in Ludlow on January 18, 1925. Educated in local schools, she worked for several area companies, retiring from Tambrands with 22 years of service. Frances was a communicant of Christ the King Church.

Frances is survived by her sons Frank and Anthony Evaristo

and her daughter Judy Evaristo, all of Ludlow. She also leaves her sister-in-law Amalia Evaristo Delgado of Portugal. Sadly she was predeceased by her husband Frank Evaristo in 1974.

All services are private. Donations in Frances' memory may be made to Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, MA, for parish use only. Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please go to [www.kapinos-mazurfh.com](http://www.kapinos-mazurfh.com).

## Charles C. Stewart, 84



LUDLOW - Charles C. Stewart, 84, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Charles was born in Holyoke and was a 1955 graduate of Turners Falls High School before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps where he proudly served his country from 1955-1959. Charles lived most of his life in Ludlow and worked as a commercial artist for Rexall Company. He later worked as security for Bank of America from where he retired, and in retirement, he continued working security at various locations. In his spare time, he loved camping and boating, especially spending time with his family and large community of friends at Mitch's Marina. Charles was the beloved husband of the late Carol A. (Desautels) Stewart, who predeceased him in 2015; a loving father to Joanne Barroso and hus-

band Tony, of Indian Orchard, Janice Hayes and husband Tom, of Westfield, Jennifer Musiak and husband Kevin, of Indian Orchard, and Jill Fijal and husband John, of Belchertown; a devoted grandfather to Natalie, Nathan, Sara, Joe, Kevin Jr., Kristina, Andrew, and Charlie; a cherished great-grandfather to Connor; a dear brother to Mary Jane Stuart, James Stewart, and the late Harding Stewart; and also leaves many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends including Tammy Szczebak, who was like a daughter to him. At this time, cremation has taken place with a Public Memorial Service with Military Honors at a later date in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charles's memory to Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)) For additional information, please visit [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com).

## NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

For more information on news or community features for The Ludlow Register, please email [ludlowregister@turley.com](mailto:ludlowregister@turley.com).

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and Town of Ludlow Bylaws, Chapter XV in Ludlow Town Hall, 1st floor, Hearing Room #1 on **Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 6:30 P.M.** on the Notice of Intent Application of Michael Chernick, The Estate of Anthony Grabowski, for the property located at 0 Lyon Street (Assessors Map 20, Parcel 18), Ludlow MA. The subject of the hearing is: Construction of a single-family home and associated site improvements.

**Jason Martowski**  
Chairman

**\*\*In the event the meeting must be cancelled the**

**hearing will be rescheduled for June 17, 2020.**

**\*\*\*Please be advised that by Order of the Governor-Order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law, G.L. c.30A, § 20 which limits public access and allows remote participation.**

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Application of Jessica Krupa, Banas Properties LLC., for the property located at 0 Fuller Street (Assessors Map 18, Parcel 45), Ludlow MA. The subject of the hearing is: To review the wetland delineation presented and determine if said boundaries are correct.

**Jason Martowski**  
Chairman

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# DATEBOOK

## ONGOING

THE MICHAEL J. DIAS FOUNDATION sponsors a support group for families and friends whose loved one is affected by an alcohol/substance use disorder. The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Healthsouth, 222 State St., Ludlow. All are welcome! If you have any questions, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmass-relics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 343 Winsor St., Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

## EVENTS

*Editor’s note: As towns, schools and clubs continue to assess the threat posed by coronavirus, many are making the decision to cancel or postpone their public events, often with little notice.*

The Register will inform readers about cancellations when known and when the newspaper’s weekly deadline will permit, but readers should be aware of the possibility that events featured in the printed newspaper, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled without enough notice to print an update. The Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers to confirm that it is still taking place before attending.

## TRIPS

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

QUEEN ESTHER The three-day tour to see “Queen Esther” in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Aug. 26 to28 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at the Bird in Hand Inn, two breakfast buffets at the hotel. Dinner show “Josiah for President” (Dinner #1) and Miller’s Smorgasbord (Dinner #2). “Queen Esther” will have reserved

orchestra seats up front. There will be Mount Hope Winery visit, Bird in Hand Farmers Market and Sands Casino visit. There will be a Stop at Mastoris Kitchen Kettle Village and Longwood Gardens. Portchester Diner on return home (meal on own). Baggage handling, all taxes and driver’s gratuity included Cost is \$455 for double occupancy, \$435 for triple occupancy and \$575 for single. Deposit of \$75 at sign up, balance due July 15. Cancellation protection \$39 per person. Bus departs 7 a.m.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant. natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

“GHOST OF A CHANCE” at The Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Rhode Island. A Victorian-era tragedy is re-enacted in a supposedly haunted house. Package includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet luncheon, Playhouse Comedy Show, a Cabaret Show (two shows), meal taxes and gratuities. Buffet menu includes lettuce bowl, potato salad, beets and onion salad, three-bean salad, bbq ribs, sausage and peppers, roasted chicken, baked ham, baked beans, sweet potatoes, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Cost \$102 per person and payment is due Sept. 21. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

For more information on any of the above

trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich Gosciminski, 149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

9 TO 5 MUSICAL The Catholic Woman’s Club of the Diocese of Springfield invites area residents to join the club for a bus trip to see “9 to 5 The Musical” by Dolly Parton, at the Westchester-Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The bus leaves the Big Y parking lot in Ludlow at 7:30 a.m. and. returns about 7:30 p.m. Attendees can choose their lunch entree off the menu. Tickets are \$100 and seating is assigned as checks are received. The deadline for payment is June 20. Call Ruth at 413-531-3506 for more information.

SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY – Dec. 3-7, 2020 - Four days at Westin Hotel on the city’s Riverwalk, illuminated for the holidays. Also, city tour, river cruise, Mexican Marketplace, Alamo, Mission San José, LBJ Ranch, German community of Fredericksburg decorated for Christmas, Museum of the Pacific War and more. \$2,149 pp doubles includes air, taxes, luggage handling, and transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

### POLANIE CLUB TRIPS

For information and reservations on any of the following trips. please call Loretta @ 413-592-7350, Stacy @ 413-593-1172, or Dianne @ 413-214-3822

Trips depart from Szot Park, Chicopee and Stop & Shop, West Springfield. Make payments to

LORETTA GOYETTE 582 E. Main St. Chicopee, Ma .01020.

CRUISING GLOUCESTER HARBOR , Sunday, July 26, 2020. Buffet Lunch aboard the Beauport Princess with DJ music and light narration. visit Rockport and shop in the many galleries. Cost \$ 114. pp \$25. deposit due with reservation Final payment due June 19, 2020.

THE EDWARDS TWINS, Thursday, August 13, 2020. The Number One Impersonation act in the world. Their vocals and looks are amazing. Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, Ct. Coffee & Donuts on arrival, Family Style Menu: Salad, Chicken ala Kathryn, Broiled Scrod, vegetable, potato, dessert, beverage. Cost \$103. pp. \$25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due July 3, 2020

UNCHAINED MELODY: Tuesday, September 22, 2020. starring Jimmy Russo & The Chords, dynamic entertainment at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. Family style meal with Chicken Parmesan, Roast Pork, Pasta with home-made sauce, potato, vegetable, dessert , soda & coffee. Carafes of Red & White Wine on every table. Cost: \$93. pp . \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due August 14, 2020.

A BOB HOPE USO STYLE TRIBUTE: Thursday, November 12, 2020, featuring Bill Johnson and Holly Faris. at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. A tribute to America’s Veterans. Family style meal Salad, Pasta, Roast Turkey with Gravy and Sliced Roast Beef with gravy, roasted potato, Vegetable, dessert, soda & coffee. Carafes of Red and white Wine on every table. Cost \$ 94. pp \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due October 2, 2020

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Monday through Friday  
Sunday Mass – 8 a.m. (English)  
10 a.m. (Polish/English)  
5 p.m. (English)  
Morning Masses (Monday through Saturday) 8 a.m.  
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)  
Vigil Mass on Holy Days of Obligation – 7 p.m.  
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Office Hours: Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon  
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413-583-7875  
www.faithcommunitychapel.org  
email: faithcommunitychapel8@gmail.com  
Pastor Jon P. Scott  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Services:  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship with coffee and donuts  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
See Faith Community Chapel Facebook for updates.  
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and teens ( 11-18)- 1st & 3rd Sunday of  
the month from 11-12 noon  
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# AAA advises motorists to curb speed in the wake of April traffic fatalities

REGION – As Massachusetts drivers encounter open roads and light traffic in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, AAA Northeast is urging people to slow down and resist the urge to speed.

According to a MassDOT report, despite a 50 percent year-over-year decline in traffic volume in April, the fatality rate on Massachusetts roads doubled last month as compared to April 2019. Officials say speed and distraction were likely factors in most of these crashes. And it's not only highway drivers who are dying—two thirds of the fatalities occurred on smaller roads, and victims include pedestrians and a cyclist.

"This is something that's impacting Main Street as much as the Interstate, and we're seeing an-across-the-board uptick in speeding," says MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Driving conditions have changed for a lot of people. We are not used to the open road and tempted to go as fast as possible."

Speeding increases the risk of a drivers losing control of their vehicles as well as the severity of any collision, especially when pedestrians are involved.

According to AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety research, speeding is a factor in roughly a third of all traffic fatalities across the U.S. every year.

And when a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle, the risk of dying increases dramatically the faster the vehicle is going. AAA research shows that the risk of death for a pedestrian is 10 percent at an impact speed of 23 mph. At 32 mph, it increases to 25 percent, and at 42 mph, there's a 50 percent chance a pedestrian will not survive.

With schools closed and stay-at-home orders in effect, many people are taking to the streets on foot and bicycles, especially with the return of sunshine and spring-like temperatures. That's just one reason why AAA Northeast is urging motorists to avoid speeding and distractions during these challenging times.

"During a time when everyone's mantra is 'stay safe,' let's apply that thinking to our roadways," said Mary Maguire, Director of Public and Legislative Affairs at AAA Northeast. "And with first responders and hospital workers already taxed to the limit,

don't add to the numbers by driving recklessly and endangering yourself and others."

Speeding increases the risk of a crash because you have less time to react while driving. It takes about 1 second for most drivers to react, and our reaction times don't increase with our

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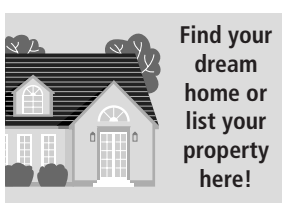
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# Valley Gives re-launches online giving portal

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts (CFWM) has re-launched the successful Valley Gives website, [Valley-Gives.org](http://Valley-Gives.org). The “one-stop-giving” online platform aims to connect donors with local nonprofits struggling to provide vital community programs and services-particularly during the COVID-19 crisis. The Community Foundation will promote the Valley Gives website widely to introduce donors to nonprofits in need.

Formerly a single giving day event, Valley Gives will remain "open" for months to come and will give nonprofits a needed fundraising boost. From cultural organizations to environmental programs and

educational services, local nonprofits are facing many financial challenges triggered by the pandemic.

Visitors to Valley-Gives.org can find a menu of more than 135 nonprofits serving residents across Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. People can learn about community challenges and can donate to one or many causes—all with a few clicks on the central, online platform.

The website also is a means for individuals to create a "peer-to-peer" fundraising page for a local nonprofit, set a goal, and reach out to their networks of friends and family to raise dollars for the organization.

According to Katie Allan Zobel, Pres-

ident and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, “Many nonprofits in the Pioneer Valley region have had to reduce programs and cancel fundraising events due to the COVID crisis. Others have been challenged to meet increased needs for services and essentials. Many donors are eager to help. We decided to re-open Valley Gives to facilitate community generosity and to give donors an easy way to learn about and donate to many nonprofits. Most importantly, Valley Gives is one more way to help reduce the devastating human cost of COVID-19.”

Donors can contribute on the Valley Gives website using a credit card, mobile payment apps, or Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment.

GiveGab donated the cost of the Valley Gives platform. According to Zobel, "GiveGab's tremendous generosity in providing the platform pro bono and their willingness to expedite the start-up made this possible."

The Community Foundation of Western

Massachusetts launched Valley Gives, a 24-hour marathon day of giving, in 2012. The event was created to raise critical dollars for the Pioneer Valley nonprofit community, whose programs and services improve the quality of life for countless local residents from all walks of life.

In its six years of one-day online giving combined, Valley Gives Day raised more than \$10 million for nonprofits in the region. In 2018, its final year, more than 400 nonprofit organizations participated in the event.

In addition to Valley Gives, which directly connects individual donors with nonprofits, the Community Foundation established the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley. Grants awarded through the fund provide emergency support to nonprofit organizations in Western Massachusetts serving the needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by the pandemic. To date, the Fund has raised \$4.3 million from 500 donors and has already awarded grants totaling nearly \$2 million.

## AAA reopening select Massachusetts offices

**REGION – AAA Northeast** is reopening select branch offices in Massachusetts as of May 18th, while following strict social distancing procedures and CDC guidelines for the protection and benefit of employees and AAA members. Members should visit [aaa.com/branches](http://aaa.com/branches) and enter their zip code to find the nearest open office. Everyone will be required to wear a face covering to enter and conduct business at AAA branch offices, and will be asked to socially distance. There will be a strict limit on the number of members allowed in AAA branches at any given time.

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